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Hon. Dale E. Ho
U.S. District Judge
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. M/Y Amadea*, No. 23-cv-9304 (DEH)

Dear Judge Ho,

Following the teleconference this afternoon, the undersigned attorneys posed an urgent follow-up question to the Office of International Affairs (“OIA”) to ask whether an MLA request would be required for a voluntary *remote* deposition if the deponent was physically sitting within Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, the UAE, Tunisia, or Vietnam. For the UAE and Tunisia, the relevant OIA attorney responded that an MLA would be required. For Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Azerbaijan, the relevant OIA attorney indicated that an MLA would very presumably be required based on past experiences with these countries and the United States’ treaty status with them. The Government has not yet heard back from the OIA attorney covering Vietnam and will notify the Court as soon as it receives guidance from this attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,

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